

Lake Perris State Recreation Area Interim Water Level Restriction Impacts

The Lake Perris State Recreation Area is one of the state's most popular recreation destinations, with average annual attendance of 1.1 million visitors. Lake Perris provides numerous water oriented recreation facilities and activities including boating, swimming, day use, camping, fishing and hunting.

Lake elevation level is directly proportional to carrying capacity, availability of facilities and water-oriented recreational activities. While the lake will remain open to boaters, fishing and swimming, the reduction in reservoir water levels needed to address seismic safety concerns at the dam will impact some existing facilities:

| Lake Elevation | Capacities: |
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| 1,588 | Full |
| 1,584 | Normal operating level - Summer Season |
| 1,582 | Closure of Power Cove Launch Ramp. Reduction of 60 vehicle parking places for personal watercraft trailers. Personal watercraft launching moved to main Launch Ramps #5, 6, & 7. |
| 1,573 | Closure of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible fishing dock at Perris Beach and marina access ramps, courtesy boat docks at Launch Ramps # 5, 6, & 7. Marina docks modified for vessel fueling and ramp access. |
| 1,568 | High speed direction of travel around Alessandro Island reduced to 5 mph for public safety. Moreno Swim Beach and Power Cove Day Use Beach used by personal watercraft closed. |
| 1,563 | Proposed Interim Lake Level |

Efforts are underway by several state agencies to address the anticipated impacts to recreation, fisheries and wildlife that will occur as a result of the reduced water level. These activities may include:

Modify boat docks and marina areas

Reduce lake carrying capacity to approximately 250-300 vessels for public safety

Move lifeguard towers closer to shoreline and improve sand conditions at Perris Swim Beach

Place new hazard and speed zone buoys throughout the lake

Clean up trash, debris along shoreline as water recedes

Address fishery and water fowl hunting impacts

Remove tamarisk and manage other non-native plant encroachment to protect existing habitat